

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above identified application. Claims 1-6, 23-25 and 31-41 are pending. Claims 1-6, 23-25 and 31-41 are rejected.

35 U.S.C. § 102 REJECTIONS

The Office Action mailed on January 4, 2006 rejects Claims 1-6, 23-25 and 31-41 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by the "Willamette** Processor Software Developer's Guide," Intel order number 245355-001 (hereafter "Willamette SDG").

Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the attached declaration, which is submitted herewith as a separately filed paper under 37 CFR §1.132 and signed by all of the three inventors for the present application, attesting to the fact that the relevant portions of the Willamette SDG describe and/or were derived from Applicant's own work.

Therefore, the cited reference does not bar patentability of the present application under 35 U.S.C. §102(a).

Accordingly, at least in light of the above arguments, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-6, 23-25 and 31-41 for allegedly being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(a).

CONCLUSION

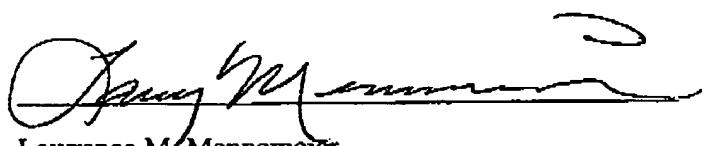
Applicants respectfully submit the present claims for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Lawrence M. Mennemeier at (408) 765-2194.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fees for extension of time to reply or other charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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